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## HOLIDAY CARDS FOR OUR MILITARY CHALLENGE



**Sending care and respect to United States' active duty military**

**Every card counts!**

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Dear Fellow Educators,

As the holidays approach, Indiana has been invited by the New Hampshire Commissioner of Education to participate in the Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge. As the mother of a West Point student, I have a special place in my heart for those serving our country. Many of you have family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers who are serving, or have served. This is a unique opportunity for Hoosiers to show our support for our deployed military!

This patriotic initiative started 16 years ago by New Hampshire psychologist Laura Landerman-Garber. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is among a handful of states joining New Hampshire in this endeavor supporting American troops deployed across the world.

Indiana schools, districts, organizations, and communities are encouraged to join IDOE in creating holiday cards that will be sent to members of the military. The [card guidelines](#) are simple to follow, and open to anyone who wants to participate. All cards must be mailed to the Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge collection point in New Hampshire no later than October 31.

If your school or district is participating, please contact IDOE Senior Communications Specialist [John Althardt](#) with your plans, along with any photos you have of holiday messages being created.

Information about the history of the project and its founder is available [here](#). Thank you for participating in this wonderful outreach effort!

Sincerely,

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